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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED CASE

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1. ALPASLAN COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT IN LOCKHEED INVESTIGATION TOOK A BIZARRE TURN IN EARLY APRIL WHEN PRESS REPORTED STATEMENT TAKEN IN LONDON BY ALPASLAN FROM FORMER AGENT OF FIRM "ORDINANCE (SIC) CORPORATION OF AMERICA, INC." TO EFFECT THIS FIRM HAD OFFERED TO SUPPLY LOCKHEED F-104S AIRCRAFT TO TURKEY IN 1975 AT \$3,250,000 EACH. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING "PRESSURE" FROM LOCKHEED, FIRM ALLEGEDLY DECIDED TO WITHDRAW OFFER AND TURKISH AIR FORCE EVENTUALLY PURCHASED SECOND SQUADRON OF 22 AT \$4,297,000 PER PLANE. "ORDINANCE CORP." REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT DIFFERENCE IN PRICES WAS RECEIVED AS BRIBE AND KEPT OUTSIDE OF TURKEY.

2. STATEMENT REPORTEDLY WAS TAKEN BY ALPASLAN HIMSELF FROM ONE SUHAM SEVKET, IDENTIFIED ONLY AS FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF "ORDINANCE CORP.", ON MARCH
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18 AT OFFICES OF MICHELE COMPANY, 60 KNIGHTSBRIDGE ST. IN LONDON. (ALPASLAN REFERRED TO TRIP TO ENGLAND AND SWITZERLAND IN CONNECTION WITH HIS INVESTIGATIONS DURING HIS APRIL 4 PRESS CONFERENCE -REFTEL). PRESS REPORT INCLUDED NO DETAILS AS TO NATURE OF "PRESSURE" APPLIED BY LOCKHEED, BUT QUOTED SEVKET IN THAT CONTEXT TO THE EFFECT THAT "MAFIA METHODS"

ARE EMPLOYED IN AIRCRAFT SALES AND THAT "IN THOSE YEARS"
FOUR PEOPLE INVOLVED IN SUCH SALES HAD BEEN KILLED IN
EUROPE.

3. COMMENT. WE ARE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY INFORMATION ON "ORDINANCE
CORP." IN COMMERCIAL REFERENCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO
US AND REPORTS OF ALPASLAN'S INTERVIEW OFFER NO CLUES
AS TO WHERE THE FIRM WOULD HAVE OBTAINED THESE AIRCRAFT.
WE ALSO UNDERSTAND FROM KNOWLEDGEABLE LOCAL SOURCE
THAT SECOND SQUADRON, PURCHASED A YEAR LATER THAN FIRST,
SHOULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO CARRY HIGHER PRICE TAG
NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF INFLATION BUT BECAUSE CONFIGURATION
INCLUDED AVIONICS AND OTHER GEAR NOT SUPPLIED
IN 1974 PURCHASE. END COMMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED DM EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
INFORMATION DEPARTMENT MAY BE ABLE TO DEVELOP ON
"ORDINANCE CORPORATION OF AMERICA, INC.".
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